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1. WE NOTE USNATO'S OBSERVATION THAT IT MIGHT BE EASIER TO GET FRG AGREEMENT ON THE RECIPROCITY ISSUE BY (A) DROPPING IT FROM THE GUIDANCE AND (B) REGISTERING IN THE POSITION PAPER THAT THE ALLIES AGREE THAT SUBJECT REMAINS OPEN FOR LATER ALLIED CONSIDERATION.

2. WE WOULD SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL IF USNATO CONSIDERS THAT IT WILL NOT REQUIRE EXTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS WITH THE MILITARY COMMITTEE AND SHAPE. WE BELIEVE THE OBJECTIVE SHOULD BE TO FIND A FORMULATION WHICH DOES NOT PREJUDICE THE OUTCOME

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BUT AT THE SAME TIME WOULD RESULT IN THE SMALLEST

PROPOSED CHANGE IN THE EXISTING POSITION PAPERS, THUS
CAUSING MINIMUM DELAY FOR NATO ACCEPTANCE. WE ASSUME
USNATO IS THINKING ON THE SAME LINES.

3. IF USNATO DOES NOT CONSIDER THAT ITS PROPOSAL WOULD
IN FACT ENTAIL TIME-CONSUMING DELIBERATION IN THE
MILITARY COMMITTEE AND AT SHAPE, WE BELIEVE US SHOULD
SUPPORT IT. THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT AN AGREED US
POSITION BE PRESENTED TO THE ALLIES WITHIN
THE NEXT WEEK IF AN OPTION 3 PROPOSAL IS TO BE ADVANCED
TO THE EAST BEFORE THE RECESS IN THE VIENNA TALKS. RESOR

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